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Congo (Kinshasa): New efforts to evacuate the white mercenaries from the Congo seem to be making headway.

President Mobutu is now operating under an African Summit plan calling for evacuation through Rwanda under the supervision of the International Red Cross. Mercenary leader Schramme has not commented on the new plan, but [redacted]

[redacted] most of the mercenaries would favor such a way out unless they soon receive substantial outside reinforcement.

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Mobutu, in requesting the assistance of the International Red Cross, however, did not mention either the evacuation of the Katangans who are with the mercenaries or any safety guarantees for them. The absence of such guarantees will pose a problem for both the Red Cross and the mercenaries. [redacted]

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Soviet Union: Moscow is keeping alive the issue of a world-wide meeting of Communist parties.

Pravda's summary of talks last week between the Soviet and British parties points out that the two agreed on the need for a meeting which would bring together as many parties "as possible." The two also agreed that "Mao Tse-tung and his group in China must be condemned," because they prevent joint action against the imperialists in Vietnam and because they have turned their backs on "Communist principle."

Almost simultaneously, Moscow elicited statements of support for a meeting from a number of East European Communist leaders. It remains, however, a contentious issue in the world movement, and the Soviets are well aware that a number of key parties are lukewarm at best. It is doubtful that they will push for a full-scale international meeting before or during the 50th anniversary in November. They doubtless prefer to use the celebrations to display the triumphs and glories of the Soviet Union and Communism, not the divisive elements.

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Bolivia: The discovery of a major clandestine support apparatus in La Paz could constitute a serious blow to the Bolivian guerrillas. A number of arrests have been made so far, [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, the Government's demonstrated success in dealing with the insurgents and their supporters should bolster army morale and help President Barrientos deflect criticism of his counterinsurgency campaign. [redacted]

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